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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr LIMA and Mr GIUMARRA

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on integrated programmes for the Mediterranean regions

The European Parliament,

A - whereas the regions of Southern Italy have been more severely affected than other regions by the current economic crisis and this has only served to widen the existing disparity between the level of incomes in these regions and that in the more prosperous regions of the Community,

B - whereas in the current period of recession an active agricultural policy
° geared to the specific production and marketing conditions in these regions could exert a positive influence on the level of employment and thus on the economy as a whole,

1. Welcomes the report by the Commission that it intends to promote the structural improvement of the agricultural, industrial and services sectors in the Mediterranean regions by means of integrated programmes;
2. Points out however that, since these programmes will only be realized, and will only produce the expected results in terms of incomes, in the medium or long term, they cannot in themselves provide an adequate solution to the problems of the populations concerned;
3. Urges therefore the Commission and Council of the European Communities
° to pay special attention to the particular situation of Mediterranean products both when fixing the farm prices and reviewing the market mechanisms, so as to provide as a matter of urgency the same guarantees in respect of incomes as those enjoyed by farmers in the regions of central Europe.